

## PALMETTO HAPPENINGS

News Notes of General Interest From All Parts of the State.

### Preferred Hanging to Penitentiary.

Walterboro, Special.—Sobbing like a child and begging Judge Dantzler to change his sentence from 20 years in the State penitentiary to hanging, J. W. Messervey, the slayer of Constable Fishbourne and Altman, at Ravenel, July 6, was led from the courtroom Thursday morning at 9:30 a. m. the jury having announced its verdict of guilty of manslaughter and Judge Dantzler having pronounced the sentence of the death by hanging.

The sentence was "That you, J. W. Messervey, be confined in the State penitentiary for such labor as you are able to perform for the period of 20 years."

The jury had deliberated 16 hours and when court convened in the morning for the purpose of hearing their verdict, the foreman announced that they had just agreed but desired some instructions as to the form of their verdict. It was learned that two of the jurors were for acquittal and the 10 at first were for murder but agreed to compromise on a verdict of manslaughter.

Judge Dantzler again instructed them and in about 10 minutes they returned to their seats and announced that they had agreed upon a verdict.

### Dies Horrible Death.

McColl, Special.—About 4 o'clock Monday afternoon a horrible accident occurred at the Carolina Sash & Door works. Mr. Andrew Woodle was working at the planing machine the same at which Mr. Duncan Morrison lost an eye last year, and while trying to replace some belting which had slipped, he was caught in it, and fatally injured. His left leg was cut off below the knee and his face and head fearfully mangled. After one piercing scream, the poor fellow mercifully lapsed into unconsciousness. Drs. Hamer, Bell, Moore and Reese were hurriedly summoned and rendered every assistance possible. He lived only a few hours.

### Dr. J. M. Lanham, Prominent Spartanburg Physician, Passes.

Spartanburg, Special.—Dr. J. M. Lanham, a prominent physician of the county and brother of the late Governor Lanham of Texas, died at his home near Woodruff Thursday as a result of paralysis. About a year ago he was stricken with paralysis and it was thought had entirely recovered. Wednesday while binding the broken leg of a young boy was stricken again, his entire left side being paralyzed. He died without having regained consciousness. He is survived by his wife who was Miss Louise McCravy, and six children, the eldest being S. T. Lanham, master in equity of the county. The funeral will be held at the Tabernacle M. E. church.

### Colored Girls' Dormitory Burns.

Orangeburg, Special.—Brabham hall, the girls' dormitory of the South Carolina Agricultural and Mechanical college for the colored race, coeducational, and the dining room of the college, were completely destroyed Wednesday night by fire. Brabham hall and the dining room were buildings imposing in structure and commodious in space facilities. The loss will be between \$70,000 and \$80,000.

### Serious Fire in Pickens.

Pickens, Special.—Wednesday morning about 2 o'clock the planing mill and lumber yard of Bruce & Bivens was totally destroyed by fire. The loss is about \$6,000. There was no insurance on the plant.

### Killed a Desperate Negro.

Yorkville, Special.—Truman Turner, a liveryman, Monday night shot and killed Whitman Harley, colored, a noted desperado, who had a record as a criminal, having killed one man and shot several others. The trouble arose about Harley hiring a team from Turner. The negro was insulting and ran his hand into his pocket and Turner, knowing the desperate nature of the man, with whom he had to deal, shot and killed him.

### Cotton Crop Estimate.

New Orleans, Special.—The Times-Democrat in presenting its correspondents' final reports on the cotton crop of 1909, states that the census of opinion points to a total of 10,625,000 bales. The figures by States are: Alabama, 1,650,000; Arkansas, 725,000; Georgia and Florida, 2,000,000; Louisiana, 350,000; Mississippi, 1,100,000; North Carolina, 725,000; Oklahoma, 625,000; South Carolina, 1,150,000; Tennessee, 300,000; Texas, 2,600,000; total, 10,625,000.

### New Mexico's Governor.

Washington, Special.—Chief Justice W. J. Mills, of the New Mexico Supreme Court, has been appointed Governor of the Territory to succeed George Curry, resigned. The tender of the office to Justice Mills was made last week, and he promptly indicated his willingness to accept. It followed conferences between Postmaster General Hitchcock and National Committeeman Solomon Luna, of New Mexico, with the President, and later with Secretary Balinger.

### Kills Father in Defense of Mother.

Laurens, Special.—In defense of his mother and other members of the family, John Irby Fuller, aged 18, Friday shot and killed his father, Jesse V. Fuller, at the Fuller home, 6 miles east of the city. The elder Fuller had, it is asserted, brutally assaulted his wife and, pistol in hand, was threatening to shoot her when the son emptied a load of birdshot into his father's abdomen, death resulting four hours later.

## NEGROES CONFER AGAIN

Richard Carroll Has Important Meeting In January.

Columbia, Special.—Another race conference will be held in Columbia January 11 to 14 at the Columbia theatre. Two years ago Richard Carroll called such conference together and there were 1,400 delegates present. Carroll stated that there would be more than 2,000 delegates present at the meeting to be held in January. Some of the ablest negro orators in the State will take part in the programme. The conference will stress the agricultural and educational future for the negro. Ex-Gov. W. L. Northern of Georgia, ex-Gov. Heyward of Charleston, Justice C. A. Woods, Judge Robert Aldrich, Jos. B. Cummings of Augusta, J. H. Williams, Dr. C. C. Brown of Sumter, Judge Gage and E. J. Watson will be invited by Carroll to make addresses to the negroes. Superintendent Swearingen will also make an address on the schools, and Jas. A. Hoyt will speak on the aid of the press. The interest of the negro farmers and the rural school system will be discussed at the conference. The programme for the conference is being made up by Richard Carroll and his associates. Others who are interested are Rev. Jas. H. Dillard, trustee of the Jeans fund of New Orleans, and W. B. S. Williams of Hampton Institute, Va.

### Pellegra Victim at Clinton.

Clinton, Special.—Mrs. L. J. Moore died here Thursday night after suffering for years with a very painful case of pellegra. Mrs. Moore had been confined to her bed for about a year and had been gradually growing worse for some time. Her case was diagnosed by Dr. T. L. W. Bailey about three years ago and pronounced pellegra. She was afterwards examined by Dr. Babcock, of Columbia, who confirmed Dr. Bailey's diagnosis. This was the first case of pellegra in Laurens County to be pronounced as such. Mrs. Moore was 28 years of age and is survived by two children and her husband, Mr. L. J. Moore.

### Passenger Train Derailed at Edgefield.

Columbia, Special.—Southern Railway passenger train No. 206 was derailed at 8 o'clock Thursday night a mile and a half north of Edgefield on its way to Edgefield from Trenton. The passengers were badly shaken up and were a bit frightened, and the short delay was taken good-naturedly by all hands. Two of the oldest, most careful and best men in the company's service were in Bright and Engineer Hughes, and the train was running at a low rate of speed at the time of the accident.

### Three Burn to Death.

Spartanburg, Special.—A message received here Friday from Switzer, S. C., says that three negro children were burned to death near their Friday morning. Nora Evans, mother of the children, leaving the children in bed, kindled a fire in the room where they slept and went a short distance to a neighbor's house but before her return her home was burned and the children perished.

### Collector Loeb, of New York, left for home Tuesday, after concluding his conference with President Taft and Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh and other officials here, regarding the customs conditions at his port.

Washington's first snowstorm of the season drove Robert E. Peary, Arctic explorer, into a taxicab Wednesday. He stepped out to the pavement in front of President Taft's office about 1 o'clock in the afternoon, and, with his coat collar turned up around his ears, hurried into the reception room. After waiting about half an hour, Mr. Peary was admitted to the inner sanctum and was closeted with President Taft for about 20 minutes.

### While no expression of opinion could be obtained here Friday on the proposed selection of King Edward as arbitrator in the Alsop claim, which this government is pressing on Chile for settlement, it is generally understood that the State Department will welcome any move that will bring about an adjudication of the vexed question. The claim which involves more than \$1,000,000, has been held against Chile for more than a quarter of a century. It is based on concessions made by the Bolivian government to a syndicate of Americans.

Despite a flood of protests reaching the Treasury Department, flaying the government because of the use of a label which is claimed to be the government's guaranty on Philippine cigars, the fault lies not with the United States government but with the Philippines which uses the label complained of at its discretion. This statement was made officially at the Treasury Department and it was pointed out that the remedy lay with Congress.

## WASHINGTON NOTES

Admiral Sperry has been detailed by the Secretary of the Navy to assist the national waterways commission in its work. He will give attention to various questions and will aid the commission in the preparation of its forthcoming report. The commission will report to Congress about the first of next January.

James Freeman Curtis of Boston Mass., now assistant United States district attorney and once intercollegiate champion of the United States has been chosen Assistant Secretary of the Treasury. Announcement to this effect was made by Secretary MacVeagh. Mr. Curtis succeeds James B. Reynolds, who resigned to become a member of the tariff board, and he will have special charge of customs matters.

Preparations are being made for 400 marines to sail from Philadelphia either for the canal zone or for Nicaragua. This will constitute the first armed force to land in Nicaragua if developments in the situation within the next few days require such a course to be pursued. All will depend upon the action to be taken by the state department, which is marking time pending the receipt of additional details of the killings of the two Americans, Grace and Cannon.

The gunboat Princeton was Friday ordered by the Navy Department to sail for Corinto, Nicaragua, to join the gunboat Vicksburg, already at this port. The Princeton is now at the Bremerton navy yard, Washington, undergoing repairs. On her way down the coast the Princeton will stop at San Francisco. Some time ago it was arranged that the Princeton should relieve the Vicksburg on the western coast of Central America, and it is in conformity with this plan that the Princeton is now ordered to Nicaragua. The Vicksburg, however, will remain at Corinto, or the immediate vicinity, until peace in Nicaragua has been restored.

John W. Langdale, the aged assistant superintendent of parking, who was arrested Monday night for cutting the throat of a negro who had followed and assaulted him, died suddenly at Georgetown University. Hospital of paralysis of the neck. Bernard Brown, the big negro whose throat was cut from ear to ear by Langdale, is still alive, a patient at the Casualty Hospital. The negro as soon as he is well will probably be placed under arrest and charged with having killed Langdale.

The gold mines of the United States produced \$94,560,000 worth of the precious metal during 1908, according to the Geological Survey and the Bureau of the Mint. The total gold product was 4,574,340 ounces, a net increase in value of \$4,124,300. Colorado leads with a productive value of \$22,871,000. Alaska was second with \$19,858,800 and California third with \$19,329,700. Porto Rico was the smallest producer, with a total of only \$600. The Philippines show an increase of \$219,800 to \$284,500.

George H. Brown, who laid out the grounds surrounding the Capitol and the White House, died at his home here Tuesday of pneumonia. Mr. Brown was superintendent of the Botanic Garden. Since 1870 he had been in the employ of the Government in Washington.

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### Lyman J. Gage Weds Again.

San Diego, Cal., Special.—Lyman J. Gage, former Secretary of the Treasury was married Thursday afternoon to Mrs. Ada Ballou, at the home of the bride's parents, in Coronado, Cal. Mr. and Mrs. Gage left Thursday night for Denver and later will visit cities farther east. The bride gave her age as 35, and Mr. Gage his age as 73.

### The Pan-American Thanksgiving.

Washington, Special.—President Taft and his official family, the diplomats representing the South American republics, Cardinal Gibbons, head of the Catholic Church in America; Mr. Diomed Falcioni, the Papal Delegate; Director John Barrett, of the Bureau of American Republics, and other diplomats and officials joined in the service held at St. Patrick's Church, this city, where the pan American Thanksgiving was inaugurated. The idea was suggested by Rev. Dr. William T. Russell, pastor of the church, who formerly lived in Baltimore.

### Five Cars of Flour Seized.

Macon, Ga., Special.—Pure food Inspector P. A. Methvin has seized five cars of flour which it is alleged have been bleached through the use of nitrogen peroxide in violation of the pure food laws of Georgia and the United States. Two of these cars are held at Macon; one at Thomasville; another is at Cedartown and the fifth is held at Brunswick.

## TRIBUTE PAID D'ARMOND

Thousands Attend Funeral of the Dead Congressman and His Little Grandson.

Butler, Mo., Special.—No such honor and show of affection for a departed citizen has been displayed in Missouri in many years as was paid Friday by hundreds of prominent public men of the State and many from outside the State who joined the citizens of Butler in paying their respect to the memory of the late Congressman David A. DeArmond, who burned to death here last Tuesday in a fire that destroyed his home. Congressman DeArmond died in a vain effort to save the life of his favorite grandson, David A. DeArmond, 3d.

The bodies of both victims were buried in the local cemetery in one casket following simple services at the Methodist Episcopal church, where the late Congressman was a member. The burial services were in charge of the Masons.

## REVOLUTIONISTS GAIN GROUND

Commander of the Cruiser Des Moines Now in Nicaraguan Waters Wires That Blockade by Revolutionary Forces is Effective.

Washington, Special.—The Nicaraguan revolutionists are gaining ground, according to advices received here from the commander of the cruiser Des Moines now in Nicaraguan waters. The dispatch adds that American interests are being protected and that the blockade by the revolutionary forces is effective.

A New Orleans special says there is much rejoicing among the revolutionary forces in Nicaragua, according to passengers arriving Thursday on the steamship Marietta di Giorgio from Bluefields. The following of General Estrada are elated over what they claim has thus far proved a successful advance against the government of Zelaya and are sanguinely predicting the fall of Managua, the Nicaraguan capital, within a short time. This air of hopefulness has been strengthened by the attitude of the United States, threatening a demand on Zelaya for reparation for the death of the two Americans, Grace and Cannon.

That the revolutionists have received what is a comparatively formidable supply of arms and ammunition was the news received here Thursday by Consul General Sussman, representing the Estrada government at New Orleans. According to a cable to the consul the steamship Utstein, which was loaded and sent out of New Orleans with war supplies for the insurgent forces reached Bluefields. The vessel cleared at New Orleans for Port Barrios but remained at that port for only a short time before proceeding to Bluefields.

Mr. Sussman made known for the first time just what the Utstein cargo consisted of. It was as follows: Two Gatling guns, 2,100 rifles, 250,000 rounds of ammunition and a complete outfit for making cartridges.

## Croce and Cannon Held Commissions in Insurgent Army.

Washington, Special.—Greece and Cannon, the two Americans executed by order of President Zelaya of Nicaragua last week, held commissions in the insurgent army, according to private advices received here from Bluefields, where the revolutionists' government is located. The dispatch stated that the State Department of the United States had been notified to this effect. The State Department has been anxious to clear up the point whether the two men had commissions or were merely acting in their individual capacities, for in the former event they would have been entitled to treatment as prisoners of war.

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## Triple Murder and Assault.

Frontenac, Kan., Special.—A triple murder and an assault on a woman was enacted on a lonely road a mile north of here some time Friday night. The dead are Mr. and Mrs. William Bork, Germans of Frontenac, and their son, who was 2 1/2 years old. Mr. Bork was presumably killed while trying to defend his wife. The child probably was slain because the murderer wished to silence him. The Borks were Friday night, when they started to drive home to Frontenac from the home of Mrs. Bork's mother two miles out in the country.

## Kills Sweetheart's Father.

Camilla, Ga., Special.—Pursuing his eloping daughter who had run away from home with Columbus Huey, T. J. Sellers, one of the wealthiest farmers of Mitchell county, was shot to death in the public road 10 miles southwest of here Saturday afternoon, when he caught the fleeing couple. Leaving his body in the road, Huey and Miss Sellers, it is alleged, went on, driving rapidly in a buggy, intending to complete the elopement with a wedding.

## DR. COOK DISAPPEARS.

Brother Quiets the Exasperations By Saying the Doctor is Near New York Taking a Rest.

New York, Special.—Dr. Frederick A. Cook dropped completely from public view Sunday. Not even John R. Bradley, whose money was behind his polar explorations, knows where he is. Confiding his secret to only one man and perhaps to his wife, the Brooklyn explorer slipped quietly and mysteriously away, leaving behind a string of puzzled and exasperated friends, and a debate more acrimonious than that which followed his announcement of September last that he had discovered the North Pole on April 21, 1908.

Charles Wake, an insurance man of this city, appears to be the only one who knows the mystery of Dr. Cook's whereabouts. And Wake is firm in his resolve to keep his lips sealed until Cook himself sees fit to take the public into his confidence.

A New York dispatch says that they found Dr. Frederick A. Cook Sunday night, that is, an authoritative statement was issued by his brother, W. L. Cook, saying that the explorer, who mysteriously dropped from public view Saturday, was still in the vicinity of New York, recuperating. He was on the verge of a nervous breakdown and his retirement was absolutely necessary.

## WALTER WELLMAN SPEAKS.

Takes Strong Ground Against the Claims of Dr. Cook—Believes Him an Impostor.

Washington, Special.—Walter Wellman, whose preparations for an conquest of the North Pole in an airship were abandoned upon the announcement of the claims of Dr. Frederick A. Cook and Commander Robert E. Peary issued here Sunday night a long statement in which he analyzes the narrative of the two explorers, declaring that of Peary "precise, workmanlike, consistent, credible in every particular," and denouncing that of Dr. Cook as a self-evident and even deliberate imposture.

"Cook's story is suspicious both in what it does tell and what it does not tell," Mr. Wellman declares. "He is generally vague and indefinite but, like most men of his class, altogether too precise at the wrong place. Nowhere does the story ring true. It was always an approximation of reality itself. This is true of his figures, his description, everything.

"Those of us who have had a share in Arctic work," says Wellman, in considering his analysis, "and who have felt anxiety that no blot of fraud should stain the proud record of effort and sacrifice, had a first hope—that Dr. Cook would be able to demonstrate his good faith. This was dissolved in the analysis of his own story. A second hope—that he was the victim of some hallucination of mental illness and himself believed he had been to the Pole though of course he has not, vanishes in the light of earlier and subsequent events. There remains, though one says it with keenest alternative that the journey which he did make, and the report which he gave of it, were deliberately planned from the outset."

The gist of Mr. Wellman's finding is that with his meager party and equipment Dr. Cook could not possibly have accomplished the feat for which he claims credit, that his astronomical data are too minutely precise to have been made under the claimed conditions in the field, and that the explorer's dash for the lecture platform and his acceptance of "crowns of flowers placed upon his head by innocent women and children" before submitting his field records to scientific examination all conspire to his discredit.

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A Rita Meter. Rita, Rita, Growing swifter Every day; Will you never, Never, ever Come my way?"

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Rita, Rita, Why, my, trita F. low so? Won't you ever, Ever, never N't say: "No?" —W. J. Lampton, in Lippincott's.

The Journalistic Touch. "At this time of year ways are a subject of personal interest."—The London Telegraph.

Heard in a Restaurant. "It gave me the slip." "What did?" "You're dead slow. The cash register."—Boston Transcript.

Bad Outlook For Cholly. Maud—"Has Cholly Sapleigh a sister?" Ethel—"No, but he will have one if he proposes to me."—Boston Transcript.

All Sinners Washed. Vicar—"All sinners, Mary, will be washed whiter than snow." Mary (anxiously)—"Not them as truly repents, sir, I opes, sir."—The Tatler.

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